



## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act**

**WHEREAS,** the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law 25 years ago on July 26, 1990; and

**WHEREAS,** the ADA is one of the country's most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** the ADA guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life -- to enjoy employment opportunities, to purchase goods and services, and to participate in state and local government programs and services; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park has made it a priority to make City sidewalks accessible to all and in recent years has upgraded 68% of existing sidewalks to meet ADA standards; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has added 12,676 linear feet of sidewalk and invested more than \$1.2 million in new sidewalk design and construction; and

**WHEREAS,** the City renovated Heffner Playground to meet "super accessible" requirements, enabling children of different ability levels to play and enjoy the space; and

**WHEREAS,** seven of the City's eight playgrounds have been renovated to meet ADA and playground safety standards and this summer the eighth playground will be renovated (Colby Park); and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park will continue its efforts to make Takoma Park a safe and inclusive community for residents of all abilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK MARYLAND,** hereby proclaim the importance of the Americans with Disabilities Act in helping to make Takoma Park a place where all residents can participate in civic life.

**Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014**

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Bruce R. Williams  
Mayor